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Quick Facts

In the month of May, 1,857 web surfers visited Rep. Nunes' website at www.nunes.house.gov

On average, each visitor spent more than 14 minutes reviewing Mr. Nunes' work in Congress.

Health summit builds momentum

Well-attended summit helps generate creative fixes for health care challenges

Rep. Devin Nunes is working to ensure that health care challenges facing Central Valley residents are addressed in upcoming Medicare reform legislation.

Health care leaders from around the valley converged in Visalia in late May to develop proposals that could be included in the legislation.

"While I fully support prescription drug benefits for seniors and other improvements to Medicare, one of the bigger concerns in my district is to keep the hospitals open and enable physicians to meet the needs of their patients," Mr. Nunes said. "That's why it was important for me to hear directly from the people affected."

More than 150 community and health care leaders attended the summit, participating in one of four workshops. Two workshops focused on developing ideas to recruit and retain physicians, particularly specialists. Other workshops dealt with crowding of emergency departments and ways to



Physicians, health care administrators, community members and other professionals filled the May luncheon of the Rural Health Care Delivery Summit in Visalia.

Through workshops, participants developed practical solutions to key challenges facing health care in the Central Valley. Rep. Devin Nunes is working to get those proposals passed into legislation.

increase the rate at which hospitals and physicians are reimbursed when serving patients on low-paying government insurance.

As a tie-in to the Medicare legislation, the Bush Administration sent Dr. Cristina Beato, principal deputy

assistant secretary of Health and Human Services to be the keynote speaker.

After the summit, Mr. Nunes began crafting some of the Medicare recommendations into legislative language and advising lawmakers

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